

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully considered the rejections of the Examiner in the present application. In light of this consideration, Applicant believes that the claims, as now amended, are allowable. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of the claims now pending in the application.

In this first office action of March 13, 2006 Claims 1 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Claims 2-6, and 8-13 are objected to as being depended upon a rejected base claim. Claims 14-20 are allowed.

The Applicant's wish to express appreciation for the indication of allowance of claims 14-20. Claims 1 and 7 have now been amended are believed presently in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 7 is respectfully requested. Claims 2-6, and 8-13 now depend from claims believed allowable and thus should now be allowable as well. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-6, and 8-13 is respectfully requested.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment; however, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

It is respectfully submitted that the present set of claims, as amended, are patentably distinct over the cited references. In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby requested to call the undersigned attorney at (585) 423-6918, Rochester, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

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